



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Dear All Saints Families,

Today Governor Baker announced that all public and private schools in the Commonwealth will be closed for the remainder of the year. In actuality, the school buildings will be closed but we will remain open as we continue to provide remote learning to our students. Online classes will resume after this vacation week on Monday, April 27. While we might have all surmised this would happen, hearing it today was surreal. Thank you for your commitment to All Saints Academy and your partnership in educating your child/ren. We take that responsibility to you and your children very seriously as we remain committed to our mission in this new age.

In an email from the Media Relations Coordinator from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) this morning, more guidance will be coming out later in the week with regard to state recommendations for boosting remote learning and strengthening summer learning opportunities. I will continue to meet with fellow administrators and the Superintendent of the Diocese twice per week to determine how the schools in the diocese will interpret these guidelines. As that information is presented and those meetings take place, I will keep you informed with how All Saints Academy is impacted.

There are many items now that need to be considered in earnest which include but are not limited to the celebration of certain milestones: NJHS Induction, end of year sports, and Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 8 graduations, as well as the scheduling of when families can begin to pick up student belongings. We will examine our options with the pastors and the teachers to make these milestones memorable and special for all.

In other news:

- Diocese has approved the suspension of MAP testing for the Spring.
- Diocese has approved Friday, June 12 as the last day for schools in the district.
- The 20 Volunteer Hour/\$200 commitment has been waived for families for the remainder of the year due to our current circumstances. Thank you to all of those individuals and families who have already met and surpassed their hours!
- Field Day will be tentatively rescheduled as a beginning of the year event.
- The second round of class/parent meetings will be scheduled beginning next week. Please look for the schedule to appear in a VE soon.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours in Christ,

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